

## **Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Plan**

### **Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries**

#### **I. BASIC PLAN DATA**

**Plan name:**

Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Plan

**Brief description of plan:**

This plan was designed to start with wetlands policies already in place and to present policy guidance and enhanced information for decision-makers. This plan addresses several dilemmas in Minnesota's existing wetlands conservation system and addresses four basic challenges; 1) to recognize and apply regional differences in wetlands policies and decision making, 2) to simplify the permitting system and make it more accessible, responsive and efficient, 3) to develop and deliver better information to people making decisions about wetlands, and 4) to give resource agencies a common set of statewide strategies for conservation of wetlands.

**Region the plan is located within:**

Great Lakes Region

**Watershed(s) included within the plan:**

L011x , L012x , L013x , L014x

**Area plan covers (in square miles):**

square miles

**Plan scale:**

State

**Plan's lead organization(s):**

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Plan's Main Contact Information:**

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**On-line version of plan:**

**Date of original plan:**

1997

## **II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**Plan includes restoration goals:** Y

**Level of detail of the goals:**

G

**Summary of the goals:**

The goal is to maintain and restore the quality and diversity of wetlands in the state. It also involves increasing the overall quantity of wetlands in the state, varying regionally in accordance with differences in the character and health of the wetland resources in order to promote ecologically, socially and economically sustainable communities.

**Plan recommends or uses criteria for selecting restoration sites (e.g. cost benefit ratio, ecological benefits):**

Y

**Summary of the criteria:**

Preferential restoration sites would be those that would help alleviate the following regional conditions; 1) degraded groundwater and surface water quality, 2) hydrologic instability, 3) degraded or lost fish and wildlife habitat

**Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:**

Y

**Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:**

N

**Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:**

Y

**Partners included in developing the plan:**

Federal  
State  
Local  
Business/Industry

**Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:**

Held focus groups  
Mailed or e-mailed information to a contact list  
Formed an advisory group(s)  
Was subject to a public comment period

**Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):**

Y

**Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:**

N

**Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:**

N

**Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:**

G

**Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:**

N

**The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:**

Y

**Other plan names:**

North American Waterfowl Plan

10/16/2004

**Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):**

Y

**Summary of this habitat information:**

Approximately 10.6 million acres of wetlands in the state of Minnesota